



**The 13th Biennial
Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Policy Conference**

***The Future of Federal Statistics – Use of Multiple Data Sources, Anchored in
Fundamental Principles and Practices***

**December 6-7, 2016
Washington, DC Convention Center**

Preliminary Program

Members of the federal statistical system, and colleagues from academia and business will exchange information and advances in statistical policy and how other policies affect the statistical system. The 2016 conference is organized around the theme of adaptation to alternative data availability.

Keynote Speaker: Ron Haskins, Senior Fellow in the Economic Studies Program and co-director of the Center on Children and Families at the Brookings Institution and co-chair of the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking

Topical Sessions (organized into 5 concurrent blocks)

Session 1: Causes and Consequences of Changes in Federal Data Collection

Chair: John Thompson, Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census

Speakers:

- Jason Fields, Survey Director, Survey of Income Program Participation, U.S. Census Bureau
- Stephen Blumberg, Associate Director for Science, Division of Health Interview Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics
- Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration
- Hilery Simpson, Assistant Commissioner for Occupational Safety and Health Statistics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Discussant: Brian Harris-Kojetin, Deputy Director, National Academy of Science

Session 2: Confidence in the Outcomes of Traditional Federal Statistical Surveys

Chair: John Phillips, Associate Commissioner, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics, Social Security Administration

Speakers:

- Jim Lynch, Chair, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland
- Jeri Mulrow, Acting Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics
- Dan Bibel, retired Massachusetts State Police
- Amy Elasher, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Discussant: Julie Dingley, Office of Management and Budget

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Session 3: Private Sector Production of Economic Indicators

Chair: Hubert Hamer, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Panelists:

- Steve Berchem, Chief Operating Officer, American Staffing Association
- Chris Wheat, Director of Research, JP Morgan Stanley Institute
- Tara Sinclair, Associate Professor of Economics, George Washington University and
- Senior Fellow, Indeed Hiring Lab
- Alberto Cavallo, Associate Professor, Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts
- Institute of Technology; co-founder Billion Prices Project

Session 4: Evolution of Quality Standards in the World of Alternative Data

Chair: Jeri Mulrow, Acting Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics

Speakers:

- John Eltinge, Associate Commissioner, Office of Survey Methods Research, Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Karla McKenna, Chair of Technical Committee 68 of the International Standards Organization
- Thomas Mule (presenter), Andrew Keller, and Scott Konicki, U.S. Census Bureau
- Amerine Woodyard, Energy Information Administration

Session 5: Realizing the Potential Offered by Administrative Data

Chair: Charlie Rothwell, Director, National Center for Health Statistics

Speakers:

- Quentin O. Brummet, Branch Chief, Experiments & Innovation, Center for Administrative Records Research and Applications, Census Bureau
- Denys Lau, Acting Director, Division of Health Care Surveys, National Center for Health Statistics
- Lisa Mirel, Chief, Special Projects Branch, Office of Analysis and Epidemiology, National Center for Health Statistics
- Marilyn Seastrom, Chief Statistician and Director, Statistical Standards and Data Confidentiality, National Center for Education Statistics

Session 6: Disclosure Limitation with Rich External Data Environment: Increasing Data Acquisition Practices and Expanding Stakeholder Information Needs

Chair: Barry Johnson, Statistics of Income, Internal Revenue

Speakers:

- John M. Abowd, Associate Director for Research and Methodology, Census
- Jerry Reiter, Department of Statistical Science, Duke University
- Alexandra Wood, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University

Discussant: Simson Garfinkel, Senior Advisor, National Institute of Standards and Technology Practices and Expanding Stakeholder Information Needs

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Session 7: Management of Hardware and Software Issues in Work with Alternative and Blended Data Sources

Chair: Patricia Hu, Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Speakers:

- Mark Watson, Vice President, Director, Center for the Advancement of Data and Research in Economics Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank
- Eric Drukers, Principle, Data Analytic Solutions, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Peter Meyer, Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Paul Schuette, Federal Drug Administration

Session 8: Necessary Changes: Updating Workforce Skills and Management Styles for Work with Hybrid Data

Chair: John Gawalt, National Science Foundation, Division Director, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Speakers:

- Wade Shen, Defense Advanced Research Project Agenda
- Michael Valivullah, Chief Technical Officer, National Agricultural Statistical Service
- Nirmala Ramprasad, Director, Analytics Center for Excellence, Social Security Administration

Discussant: Natalie Harris, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Science and Technology Policy

Session 9: The Challenges of Overlapping Mandates between Federal Statistical Agencies and Departmental Chief Information Officers

Chair: Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration

Panelists:

- Jennifer Edgar, Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Dan Morgan, Chief Data Officer, Department of Transportation
- Paul Bugg, Office of Management and Budget
- Wayne Smith, former Chief Statistician of Canada and the Head of Statistics Canada

Session 10: Public-Private Partnerships: Viable in the Federal Statistical System?

Chair: Erica Groshen, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Speakers:

- Chris Chapman, Associate Commissioner, Sample Survey Division, National Center for Education Statistics
- Joy Tobin, Chief of Health Informatics, MITRE

Discussant: Steven Cohen, Vice President, RTI International

Closing Session

For further information about the conference or about conference registration, please contact Mae Pattison at mae.pattison@copafs.org